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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 719

By Armstrong

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the 2001 Ms. Senior Tennessee, Rose Mary Ballard.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly salute those citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Rose Mary Ballard, who was named Ms. Senior Tennessee for 2001; and

WHEREAS, in Las Vegas, at the National Ms. Senior America Pageant, a division of the Miss America Pageant, Ms. Ballard represented Tennessee with the utmost grace, decorum, and joy in the categories of beauty, poise, talent, and philosophies of life; and

WHEREAS, having been born and raised in Knoxville, Rose Mary Ballard has strong ties to East Tennessee; her father, Frank O. Barber, was a well respected architect and her mother, Nina A. Whitaker, voted in the 1920 election, the first election that allowed women to vote, and in every subsequent election until she reached the age of 100 years; and

WHEREAS, she served with acumen and probity as a Financial Advisor for American Express for many years; and

WHEREAS, an active and valuable member of her community, Ms. Ballard graciously served as an Assistant Librarian and Cheerleader Sponsor for Knox County Schools for several years; and

WHEREAS, Rose Mary Ballard is a faithful member of the Broadway Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, a lady of many talents, she is an accomplished pianist, singer, and tap dancer; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ballard is also a vital member of the Chilhowee Club and participates in various drama groups; and

WHEREAS, Rose Mary Ballard is the proud and loving mother of three children and three grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, this exemplary woman has lived her life by the mottoes: "Never stop learning and growing; Try to live each day as though it were your last; Keep a smile on your face and in your heart; and Don't forget to say, 'I love you' every day to those you love."; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ballard epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Ms. Ballard for her remarkable achievements; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Rose Mary Ballard upon being named the 2001 Ms. Senior Tennessee, applaud her performance at the Ms. Senior America Pageant, commend her commitment to her family and community, recognize her exceptional strength of character, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.